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Fred Anderson

FRED ANDERSON

A past president, is owner of the Anderson Printing Company. His sorrel pinto, Ronnie, is at the Shrine Rangers stable. His family consists of wife, three children, and two grandsons, Tom and Jeff.



Don Marquis
President

ARCHIE BROWN

Owens the West Coast detective service. He has eight horses, all stabled at home. His wife and daughter, Opal, 19, both share his hobby of horseback riding. Sweetheart is his favorite mount.

Don Marquis, President, is the head of an automobile agency and an enthusiastic flat saddle rider. He owns two fine horses — Gay Mate, a handsome four-year-old chestnut thoroughbred. Both horses are stabled at the Piedmont.

ELENA LAGORIO

Is office supervisor of the Audio-Visual Department of the Board of Education. Her favorite mount at Cressmount is Noah, whom she has ridden in many pairs classes with her cousin, Irene, on Kyack.



Elena Lagorio

GENEVA MENICUCCI

The wife of Harry, is the president of the Lari-ettes, a horse-women's group. She has three horses of her own — Pancho, a pinto, her regular mount; Sky Play; and a young quarter horse.



Geneva Menicucci



Frank Colbourn

FRANK COLBOURN

Last year's president, is owner of the Colbourn Studio. His palomino, Palomar, is stabled at the Piedmont; his wife's thoroughbred, Clipper, is in pasture. Their son, Robert, is 20 months old.



Verne Chappell

MARTIN MURRAY

Is manager of the local branch of the Grinnell Company. He and his wife, May, are well known in local horse circles with their two palominos, Duchess and Frosty, stabled at the Green Barn.



Martin Murray



Ted Dreyer

TED DREYER

Is general agent for Pacific Mutual Insurance Company. His pinto gelding, Mike, is stabled at the Shrine Rangers' stable. His three youngsters, Leo, 13, Donald, 10, and Barbara, 6, all enjoy riding.

Your Vice-President is an insurance broker. He stables his palomino gelding, Frenchy, at the Pinto Ranch. His family consists of wife and two sons, Bob, 15, and Grant, 11, both sports enthusiasts.

BLANCHE PAUL

Is the wife of G. Stewart. They own two registered saddle bred mares, DeNeze and Rhythm Girl, and a new chestnut colt out of Rhythm that arrived on March 5.



Blanche Paul



Earl Hansen

EARL HANSEN

Is a chemical operator in the Research Laboratories of Standard Oil, and cares for horses at Leona Stables. He gives jumping lessons but hasn't yet started his 8-month-old son, Erick Jory.



Mary Gale

JACK RICHARDS

Runs the gamut from ranching to helping his wife run the A to Z Baby Shop. He has three daughters, seven grandchildren. One of them, Marlene, 7, began riding in horse shows at 3.



Jack Richards



Chris Hansen

CHRIS HANSEN

Owens Don and Ann's Tavern. He keeps seven horses at a private stable, plus his palomino stallion, Buddy Boy, at Don Evans' Stable. His wife and two sons, Tom 21, and Jerry 18, are all horseback enthusiasts.

Your secretary, also does secretarial work for Standard Oil. She owns two horses, Flicka and Don Denmark, kept at the family ranch near Winters, but does most of her riding at Cressmount.

LUCILLE SIMONS

Is the wife of Clarence A., called "Si." They own five horses, three pintos, stabled at the Shrine Rangers, and two saddle bred mares. Their son, Jack, 21, is also a horse lover.



Lucille Simons

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 zine's interest, and we, of the Trail Blazer Staff,
 would like to see more pictures in our publication.
 The factor making our pictures so few and far be-
 tween is COST. By the time we pay a photogra-
 pher and then pay for the cuts, the cost is pro-
 hibitive.

There must be many of you members who have
 interesting horse pictures, or scenic views of our
 trails. If you have any pictures of that type that
 you are willing to donate to the Trail Blazer,
 please get in touch with us.

Right now we are particularly interested in
 colt pictures, for we intend to devote an early is-
 sue of the Blazer to Colts. Send us good clear,
 glossy prints of your new arrivals. The best will
 be combined into a cover for our Colt issue. Now
 wouldn't you like to see your "pride and joy" in
 print?

If you have a good picture of yourself and your
 favorite mount, or a photograph of just the horse,
 the Trail Blazer Staff has decided to use it in the
 magazine if you will pay for the cut.

There are three separate offers here. First, we
 are asking donations of pictures of general in-
 terest, such as scenic views or human interest
 shots of horses in general. Second, we are asking
 you to submit good pictures of your colts which
 will be used at no cost to you. Third, we are asking
 for personal photographs of yourself and horse
 or your favorite mount alone and will use them
 if you will stand the cost of the cut.

Didn't your reporters have a fine Trail Blazer
 full of news in the March issue? Help them make
 this publication a better magazine by giving them
 all your horse news. Clip the following list of re-
 porters for future reference. May we draw partic-
 ular attention to two reporters — Elizabeth
 Frampton who is the reporter for private stables
 and Dolly Nielsen who is our Junior reporter.
 Neither one of them can go to one particular
 source and collect news like the reporters for
 definite stables. They must depend on you in all
 sections to send them your news. Please help them.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Topritzhofer have a palomino stallion, Golden Cloud, who won fourth place for palomino stallions at the National Horse Show in San Francisco. He is seen in the hills with Felice, the palomino filly, and they make a beautiful pair.

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The big event for the month of March, planned by Archie Brown, chairman of our Activities committee, will be the first open meeting for the entire M.H.A. membership. President Don Marquis suggested this idea to your Board of Directors at their January meeting and was met with their unanimous and enthusiastic approval.

Your Board of Directors meet the first Thursday of every month. Committee chairmen report and discuss their plans for the year. They are conscientiously working together with a single purpose in mind — to make the M.H.A. a bigger and better organization and thereby better riding conditions and increase riding pleasures. They are sincere in their efforts but realize full well that their best efforts may sometimes fall far short of the expectations of the membership.

With this thought in mind, President Don Marquis suggested an open meeting where members will meet with the Board of Directors and will be asked to express their ideas about future policies and activities of our organization. This will be a grand chance to bring all of us closer together, and should result in a calendar of events pleasing to all. All members are asked to attend. Let's transact a little business together; let's have a lot of fun! This will be a business and pleasure meeting. Wear your riding clothes. Enjoy the entertainment and free eats. Save the date — Tuesday evening, March 25, 8 p.m. The place — Woodminster Amphitheatre building on the hillside near the intersection of Joaquin Miller road and Butters drive.

Barn Dance Was Big Success

In polished boots and riding clothes, members and friends of the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association turned out en masse to attend the Western Barn dance held at the Tourist club, Saturday night, March 1. What a grand "rip snortin'" time everyone had.

Thanks for the evening's success goes to Stan Cosca, chairman of the party, and his capable crew of committee workers. On his committee were a group of those ever-energetic Lari-ettes, Florence Cosca, Geneva Menicucci, Virginia Patten, Tiny Black, Carmelita Cummins and the perennial standby Elsa Himmelman. Other committee members were: Archie Brown, Gus Himmelman, Vern Chappell, Don Evans, Jimmy Black, Bill Patten and Harold Cummins.

Many talented performers were picked from the audience and without a moment's notice, displayed their talent in various ways. Don Marquis, M.H.A. president, sang a beautiful Hawaiian song; Frank Kelly did a clever Irish Clog dance, Stan Cosca, accompanied by his pathetic dog, sang "Old Shep"; Jimmy Black sang several cowboy ballads, accompanying himself on the guitar; Ray Theobald displayed a versatile style of singing in a Hawaiian melody; Richard Peacock and Louise Blu did a jitterbug number; Babe Lampdon sang and yodeled "A Cowboy's Sweetheart"; and Louise Blu sang a popular Blues number. Credit should also go to the red hot Cowboy band that kept everyone stepping, known as "Johnnie Gregory and His Five Cow-Pokes."

The majority of the 30 door prizes were contributed by Stanley and Lawrence Cosca, owners of Stanley's Market, and their affiliated wholesalers. Prizes were also donated by the Lari-ettes, Don and Ann Tavern, The Round-Up, Don Marquis, Joe Jaeger, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Richards, Frank Kelly, and Irv. Hansen.

Prizes were awarded to the best waltzing couples. The winners were: Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sibert, first; Ray Theobald and Betty Phillips, second; and Don Marquis and Betty Chute, Third. F. Anderson acted as announcer and added to the fun of the contest. The Waltz judges were. Albertine Cosca, Jimmy Black, Bill Patten, Harold Cummins and Don Evans.

The likeable Danny Street, who recently suffered a bad fall from his horse and broke his arm, was the surprised beneficiary of \$150.00 which was raised at a "game of chance" table. It was a fine gesture, deeply appreciated by Danny. Assisting at the game table were: Stan Cosca, Joe Cosca, and Harry Menicucci. The party ended with delicious hot coffee and doughnuts served by Gus and Elsa Himmelman, Florence Cosca, Carmelita Cummins, Mrs. Archie Brown and Vern Chappell.

WHERE'S THAT SLING?

Some time ago, Dr. E. G. Le Donne loaned his horse sling to somebody, he has forgotten whom. Perhaps that somebody passed it on to somebody else with a sick horse that needed it. Whoever now has it, please return it immediately to Dr. Le Donne's office. Not that the doctor is concerned about his property, but he may have a call from the owner of a sick horse today that will badly need that sling.

A LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends & Members,

On Saturday evening, March first, the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association put on a dance at the Tourist Club, Oakland, which drew a surprisingly good attendance considering the unfavorable weather on that particular evening. There were quite a few good prizes and apparently everyone had a good time. Also some new members were signed up.

The general reaction seems to indicate a desire for other and frequent occasions of that kind. Credit for this, the first dance to be put on this year, is due to Archie Brown, Chairman of the Activities Committee and Stan Cosca, Chairman of the Dance Committee with the assistance of the Activities Committee members composed of Bill Patten, Don Evans, Jim Black, Elsa Himmelman, Gus Himmelman, Vern Chappell, Harold Cummins, and the Lari-ettes. They won excellent support from the membership, all of which is greatly appreciated by the Officers and Directors.

Accept my many thanks for your fine cooperation which made this occasion an outstanding success.

Sincerely yours,

DON MARQUIS, President

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 1947

- March 23 — Oakland, Horse Show, Bit & Spur, Mills College, Cressmount.
- April 12 — Petaluma, Dance and Regional Meeting, Petaluma Riding & Driving Club.
- April 26 — San Carlos, Western Dance, San Mateo Co. Horsemen's Assn.
- April 27 — Clements, Stampede and Horse Show, Clements Buckaroos
- April 27 — Napa, Horse Show, Napa Valley Horsemen's Assn.
- May 3-4 — Escalon, Rodeo, Escalon Horse & Saddle Club
- May 4 — Lodi, Horse Show, Tokay Rangers
- May 4 — Sonoma, Horse Show, Valley of the Moon Riding Club
- May 4 — Los Angeles, Horse Show, Bit and Bridle Club
- May 11 — Vallejo, Horse Show, Vallejo Horsemen's Assn.
- May 11 — Modesto, Rodeo, Stanislaus Co. Horsemen's Assn.
- May 17 — Oakdale, Dance, Oakdale Saddle Club
- May 18 — Oakdale, Rodeo, Oakdale Saddle Club
- May 18 — Santa Rosa, Horse Show, Sonoma Co. Driving & Riding Club
- May 18 — Orland, Stampede, Orland Riding Club
- May 23-25 — Tracy, Childrens Show, Contra Costa Co. Horsemen's Assn.
- May 25 — Oakland Horse Show, Jr. Horse Show, Cressmount
- May 25 — Fairfax, Rodeo, Mounted Sheriff's Posse of Marin Co.
- May 25 — Concord, Frontier Days, Western Horse and Trailer Club
- May 29 — Healdsburg, Ride, Sonoma Co. Trailblazers
- May 30 — Healdsburg, Lytton Home Horse Show, Russian River Rider Juniors
- June 1 — El Cerrito, Horse Show, Arlington Hills Riding Club
- June 1 — San Jose, Horse Show, Santa Clara Co. Horsemen's Assn.
- June 7-8 — Healdsburg, Horse Show and Sheep Dog Trials, Russian River Riders
- June 8 — Oakland, Horse Show, 9th Annual Shongehon Jr. Horse Show, Cressmount
- June 8 — Santa Cruz, Horse Show, Santa Cruz Co. Horsemen's Assn.
- June 15 — Novato, Horse Show, Novato Horsemen Inc.
- June 15 — Roseville, Horse Show, Roseville Riders Club
- June 21 Nite — Modesto, Horse Show, Modesto Rangers & Polo Club
- June 27-28-29 — San Mateo, Horse Show, 19th Annual Gymkhana Club Horse Show
- July 5 — Calistoga, Horse Show, Silverado Riders
- July 26-27 — Petaluma, Horse Show, Petaluma Riding & Driving Club
- Sept. 5-6 — Concord, Trail Ride, Concord-Mt. Diablo Trail Ride Assn.
- Sept. 7 — Concord, Horse Show, Concord-Mt. Diablo Trail Ride Assn.
- Sept. 21 — Fairfax (closed), Horse Show, Mounted Sheriff's Possee of Marin Co.
- Sept. 28 — Oakdale, Horse Show, Oakdale Saddle Club
- October 26 — Oakland Horse Show, East Bay Horse Show, Cressmount



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Bob Lorimer, who has been the owner and manager of the Oakland Riding Academy for the last year, celebrates his first anniversary this month with a full house and established clientele. He has a string of 12 school horses, which are ridden either English or Western, and a number from which he teaches jumping.

On entering the barn, one sees first of all the bay saddlebred gelding, Drum Major, who has won many Pleasure Horse classes for his owner, Kay Osborne, young Bob's mother. Next is Klondike, that wonderful dispositioned palomino stallion owned by Bill Osborne. Further along the box stalls is Dawn, a Saddlebred mare, sired by Odin McDonald, owned and ridden by Mrs. Anne Summerfield. Next is Black Velvet, Thoroughbred mare just brought to the stables by her youthful owner, Barbara Campbell.

Sylvia King Dawson stables her show campaigner, Burma Road, at the stables and has been training the young chestnut Thoroughbred, Count Lynn, a promising prospect for future hunter classes. Count Lynn is owned by President Don Marquis. Bob Lorimer is training that striking black Saddlebred gelding, Hal Collins, and his owner, Eve Young, is again riding him after a long vacation from the saddle.

Dotty Wemmer's buckskin, Tony, Susan Gorie's nice mare, Micaela, and Hal and Lee Reiter's two pleasure horses, Peasant Girl and Bonnie Lass are neighboring stable mates.

Members of the Alameda County Sheriff's Posse who stable at the Oakland include: John Henry, with his palomino gelding, Pal; Joe Medaglia, with his palomino gelding, Jackie Boy; and Milner J. Anderson with his albino, Silver. This latter horse is said to have had a colorful career as a circus trick horse.

Frank Scott, of the many auto supply houses, owns a flashy Saddlebred, Sabu, sired by Adorable Devil. The newest addition to the ranks of horse owners is Larry Brock, who has just acquired a three-quarter Thoroughbred gelding, aged three, which he calls Dandy.

Oscar Moss presides as groom of the Oakland, Last but by no means the least important member of the stable is Wolf, an impressive German Shepherd watch dog.

REDWOOD RIDING STABLES

Jean Gillford, a very popular boarder at the Redwood, spends every minute she can spare away from her school work with her lovely palomino mare, Silver Queen, accompanying and acquainting friends and group riders with our many fine trails.

Bill Lighter of the "Varsity" recently moved his black mare, Trudie, to the stable. Bill has enjoyed success in the show rings and will again be active this summer. Another popular young lady at the stable is Shirley Rock, who is doing an outstanding job converting her palomino gelding, Rockaway, over to English. He is a fine animal with style and plenty of spirit.

John Hastie manages to spend some time with his black gelding now that he has his new meat market under way. Laddie will be getting more work as the weather improves. Elsie Franzman and her horse, Termite, are seen each weekend on the trails. Elsie is also busy with her studies at

the U.C., but never neglects her mount. Mr. Vaughan and his flashy palomino, El Rey, are getting mileage in spite of the rain.

Evelyn Evander recently purchased a registered Thoroughbred, Peachwood, and is stabling him at the Redwood. Evelyn will now be taking her jumping seriously so that she can show her new mount in hunter and jumper classes at coming shows. Her new horse is a good match for her husband Bruce's Thoroughbred, Top Toy, in looks, color and size. The training of Buddy Dardi's Thoroughbred filly, Mola, is coming along fine. They will make competition with the younger set soon.

A lunch was served by Mrs. Young at the Redwood on Sunday, March 3, to a group of hungry friends after a long early morning ride. Many other events are planned for the near future. Friday night is being set aside for boarders and friends.

Frank Webben is seen these days working out Joe Young's mare, Me-Too. Joe is hoping for clear weather so that he can get the Open House events under way. The first will be for the jumpers.

PIEDMONT STABLES

Three new boarders have been welcomed at the Piedmont Stables the past month: Frank Colbourn, Jr., with his palomino gelding, Palomar; Norma Hansen with her new horse, a chestnut Saddlebred gelding, Mike; and Madeline Cadenasso with her palomino mare. Madeline's horse came from the Hess farm near Dipon. She will soon have two horses, as her mare is expected to foal this month.

Charlie Hibbard usually arrives at the stable on Saturday mornings in time to help with the barn work before he rides his golden palomino stallion, Prince Cholla. Harold Knudsen is another early riser. He can be seen every Sunday almost before the sun comes up.

Al Martin is doing a fine job with his mare, Penny. She'll be in fine shape for the coming shows. Sally Wright and her mare, Cinder, are also good candidates for the summer shows. We hear that wedding bells will soon be ringing for Bill Pray and Jan Tuffs. They make a fine looking couple on the trails every weekend. Arthur Denton is another consistent rider. He rides Poncho rain or shine.

Mr. A. Palmquist on his pinto, Paint, and his 5-year-old son, Buddy, on the pony, Bunny, are regular riders. Buddy is quite a horseman. Visiting in the home of Virginia and Bill Patten are Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hein and daughter, Patty. Mr. Hein is Mrs. Patten's brother. He plans to make his home in our fair city.

DIAMOND "B" RANCH

Anyone wishing to visit the Frank Parrishes will find them in their new home at the Diamond "B" Ranch.

WILDWOOD STABLES

A new riding group is being formed at the Wildwood stable under the leadership of Charlie Hall. Johnnie Curry is building a ring up in his pasture for the drills which are held Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons at 1 p.m. Anybody is welcome to watch or join the group. Mr. Hall is an experienced horseman and drill master and the team members are very enthusiastic.

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There will be another coon hunt when the moon is full. Anyone interested is asked to get in touch with Johnnie Curry at the Wildwood. The first coon hunt was quite a success and Johnnie hopes the next one will be even better.

Dutch Cummins and Ollie Curry from the Wildwood and Emily Hansen and Marge Tobey have started training their horses for the Mariposa trail ride in June. There are two new boarders at the stable: Jean and Jack Ross. Jack rides a red roan and Jean a pinto, which Jack gave her as a Valentine's gift.

Hyes and Barbara Hunter recently bought a house in the other canyon, but Barbara still keeps her pinto mare at the Wildwood. They are both reporters on the Oakland Tribune.

Dotty Bowers is back riding again after her illness. Her little mare, Sweetheart, is coming along fine. "Lefty" has sold his horse and is now riding one of Miss Graham's horses, Red.

Ginger Bigelow is back on her feet again and feeling fine after a nervous breakdown which lasted several weeks. She plans to do a lot of riding this summer when her horses are brought in from pasture.

BIG BEAR STABLES

There are now seven pintos at the Big Bear Stables, shipped here from Tennessee. Some of them are good walking horses. There are also a matched pair of sorrel Arabian fillies, Kit and Kite.

Alma (Nicky) Carter rides her Walking horse, Albert, regularly from the stable. Mrs. Fouts, better known as Tommy, still has her horse, Mr. Riley. Andy Lenhardt with his pinto, Lucky, is another boarder. Barbara Brown has boarded her bay mare, Kitten, at the Big Bear for two years. Dr. Parker is having his sorrel filly schooled.

BIT AND SPUR HORSE SHOW

The ninth annual Mills College Bit and Spur horse show will be held Sunday, March 23, in the Umbrella at Cressmount Stables. Mills students and guest riders from Pegasus Patrol and the Shongehon Club will participate in a program of 11 events, which will include jumping, teams of four, pairs of pleasure horses, obstacle races and model hunters.

Miss Antonio Vidor, sophomore from Beverly Hills, is president of Bit and Spur this year. Committee heads for the show are: Margaret Aldis, trophies; Lenore Rosenfeld, decorations; Elizabeth Schor, properties; Beverly Booth, tickets, and Patricia Lovell, publicity.

New members recently admitted to the club are: Billie Wilson, Dorothy Hildreth, Robin Norton, Pat Ryan, Ruth Sunnen and Barbara Decker.

The Bit and Spur Riding Club held its annual Horspitality in the Umbrella on February 13. Officials were: Mary Lou Hutton, announcer; Jeanne Pollard, judge; Barbara Decker, ring clerk.

Among those participating in a game on horseback, called "Snatch," were: Peggy Aldis, Pat Lovell, Beverly Booth, Marie McCrae, Toni Vidor, Kathy Keene, Ellen Gehrels, Margie Nath, Joan Nadeau, Lenore Rosenfeld, Laurie Bauer, Linda Hamilton, Mary Rosenthal and Pat Ryan.

Those taking part in the jumping and pleasure horse classes for the first time were: Robin Norton, Ruth Sunnen, Fenita Lane, Dorothy Hildreth, Ann Jacobus, Cornelia Cheeney, and Geraldine Coon.

BOOTS AND JEANS CLUB ELECT OFFICERS

Exactly one year from the night of their first meeting, the Boots and Jeans held their semi-annual election of officers, Thursday, March 5, at the home of Earl and Marge Tobey on Lincoln Avenue. The club started with twenty-five members and in one year it has increased to fifty-two.

The following were elected to serve as officers for the next six months: Earl Tobey, president; Barbara Brown, secretary; Lefty Bowers, treasurer; Lloyd De Rusha, sergeant-at-arms; and Velma Churette and Babe Lampdon, entertainment committee. Everybody agreed that the club has been both a financial and social success the past year. The March meeting will be a dinner dance for members only to be paid for out of the treasury. The spot has not been decided upon yet, but the new committee is working on the matter. Lefty Bowers is the retiring president.

(Ed. Note) The Trail Blazer apologizes to Mr. Bowers for changing his name from "Lefty" to "Lucky" in the last issue, but of course we hope that though he remains Lefty, he will also always be "lucky."

LARI-ETTES NEWS

The Lari-ettes roped and corraled their husbands and stabled them at the Pinto Ranch club house as their guests on Saturday night, February 22, for their monthly Social. Those responsible for the artistic decorating were: Mary Richards, Janet Clinton and Betty Phillips. Tables were decorated with cherry trees, logs and hatchets in keeping with the celebration of Washington's birthday. Games were enjoyed and also the delicious cherry pies and coffee.

On Wednesday night, March 5, the Lari-ettes seated their new officers. Mrs. Elsa Himmelman, out-going president, presented the gavel to Mrs. Geneva Menicucci, the new president for 1947. Geneva then seated her staff of officers: Florence Cosca, vice-president; Virginia Patten, secretary; Tiny Black, treasurer; and Elsa Himmelman, Albertine Cosca, and Betty Phillips, trustees. The Lari-ettes also received their constitution and by-laws the same evening, drawn up by Mrs. Agnes Jaeger and her committee: Mrs. Mary Richards, Mrs. Albertine Cosca, Meredith Harris and Joann Regan.

PINTO RANCH

There are two new arrivals at the Pinto Ranch, a pinto filly out of Jim Armstrong's pinto mare, sired by Harold Cummins' stallion, Flash, and a colt out of Mrs. Albert's mare, Pepper.

Pat Shell has returned with her Morgan stallion, Chico and her Pinto mare, Girls. Richard Peacock traded with Bill McManus and now has an Appaloosa gelding named Tuck. Frank Rukavina and family, Margaret and Pat, have returned from Paradise Lodge.

On March 2, a birthday party for Loretta Cosca was held at the Pinto Ranch Club house.

WAGON WHEEL RANCH

Margaret Moeser is a new boarder at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. She has a mare named Star Dust. Jim Whitehouse bought a new paint horse from Bruce Orcuett which is also at the Stable.

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We notice that one of our new members, Dr. W. S. Bentham, veterinarian, lives on Ney (neigh) Avenue.

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A SURPRISE SHOWER

On Thursday afternoon, February 27, Mrs. Fulton Hartsough of Brunell Drive entertained neighboring ladies for tea, but when the door to the dining room was flung open, the tea proved to be a surprise shower on Mrs. G. S. (Blanche) Paul. The table was beautifully decorated with the centerpiece a horse figure, about three hands high, hitched to a two-wheeled cart — the cart overflowing with plum blossoms.

Packages were stacked on a nearby table and when opened proved to be gifts for the colt expected at the Paul stable. Gifts included curry combs, brushes, halter, lead rope, photo album, watering pail, a diary, cube sugar, iodine, receiving blanket with four huge horse blanket pins, and even a small bottle with two nipples ("in case it gets the tummy ache or Rhythm's supply isn't adequate", the accompanying note read.)

Guests included: Mrs. Paul Mountz, Mrs. Phil McCaffery, Mrs. G. A. Nordquist, Mrs. M. V. Meriman, Mrs. C. W. Stabler, Mrs. H. F. Vincent, Mrs. Mary Krinke, Mrs. J. C. Patterson, and Mrs. Della Patterson. The latter is Mrs. Paul's grandmother, visiting here from Wisconsin.

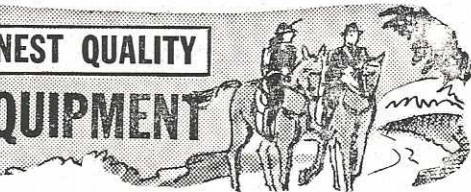
GIFT HORSES FROM ARABIA

Barbara Bechtel, University of California junior, and owner of SUN TRUDER, now stabled at Cressmount, is now the proud owner of two Arabians — one gray and one sorrel — gifts of the King

and Finance Minister of Saudi Arabia. Barbara accompanied her father, Stephen D. Bechtel, head of a San Francisco firm of contractors which is building oil pipelines and refineries in the Near East, to Saudi Arabia in January and is now returning with him. The horses — Saida and Bint Achdor — were transported over the 10,000-mile journey in special stalls built into the plane. The puzzled Bechtel secretary, struggling with the problem of transporting the animals from Miami to Oakland, on the last lap of their journey, called Cressmount for help. Suggested Cornelia Cress with a twinkle in her eye, "Why not by pipeline!" Needless to say, there is great excitement at Cressmount.

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NEWS OF THE JUNIOR MEMBERS

Sue Allen and Beatrice Sweet are going to Washington, D. C. over the Easter vacation. They are going by plane, and will no doubt have an enjoyable trip. Sue Allen owns Phantom Filly, and Beatrice Sweet owns La Zova Moon, both Thoroughbreds. They board at Cressmount Stables.

At the last show at Sacramento, Sandra Logue won the Championship of the show on her lovely little bay Thoroughbred, Toy Storm. She won 11 ribbons and 31 points. Mrs. Logue is the proud new owner of Royal Ann, a beautiful liver chestnut jumper. Royal Ann is 16 hands high and won in Green Conformation Hunters at Sacramento with Sandra up. Both of these horses are also boarded at Cressmount.

Other Juniors who are regular riders at Cressmount include: Sue Allen, Beatrice Sweet, Sally Allen, Mollie Mulford and Helen Shafer. Some of the M.H.A. Juniors at Cressmount are now in the adult jumping class of Sunday morning. They include Mollie Mulford, Jakie Gableman, Ria De Bonis, Sally Allen and Prisilla Meyers.

Barbara Campbell moved her Thoroughbred Black Velvet, to the Oakland Riding Academy recently. Barbara and her horse can be seen on the Beacon trail almost every day now.

(Ed. Note) This is the first Junior news written by Dolly Nielsen, our new Junior Reporter. No matter where you stable your horse, please give Dolly all news of M.H.A. Junior Members. Her address is: 2622 Camino Lenada, Oakland 11. Her telephone is: ANdover 4796.

HIDDEN VALLEY STABLES

Fourteen riders attended the Breakfast ride recently held at the Hidden Valley stables. The club, named Hidden Valley Riders, elected officers for the year. Mr. Henry Matthews is the new president; other officers are, Dean Giles and Bill Welch. Broom polo, roping, breakfast rides, and moonlight rides are some of the activities planned by the club the coming months when weather is more dependable.

Weezer Davis has a new cast on his foot which enables him to get around better. Three additional horses have been added to the rent string of the Hidden Valley stables.

ANOTHER ARABIAN AT TANNS

Jack Tann and Dr. Clarence Hass have purchased another pure strain Arabian mare. The new mare, named Ramonica No. 1699, is a seven-year-old beauty sired by the imported stallion, Raseyn. She is out of the old mare, Monica, purchased by Messrs. Tann and Hass last fall. Ramonica has been the private mount of Dr. Leo Musser, the last of his horses to be sold.

JUNIOR DRILL TEAMS:

The California Centaurs (western riders) and Shongehon (flat saddle riders), two junior drill teams, have been asked to give an exhibition drill during the 4H show at the San Francisco Cow Palace. They will appear on Saturday night, March 29th and Sunday afternoon, March 30th. Both groups have appeared in many horse shows throughout the state and have won many beautiful trophies.

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